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1. SUMMARY: THE POLISH AUTHORITIES CONTINUE THEIR INTENSIVE
CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRG "REVANCHISM" AS ALLEGEDLY DEMONSTRATED IN
CDU CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS. NATIONWIDE PROTEST RALLIES WERE
STAGED MARCH 9-10. WHILE RESURRECTION OF THE GERMAN BOGEYMAN
HELPS THE REGIME DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM THE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC
SITUATION IN POLAND, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN
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APPARENTLY IS TO MAKE A CASE FOR BELGRADE THAT THE WEST IS NOT
RESPECTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. END SUMMARY.

2. AN ARTICLE BY J. MOSZCZENSKI ENTITLED "ATTACK ON POLAND FROM
THE TRIBUNE OF THE CDU CONGRESS" IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 10
CONTENDS THAT THE POSITION OF "REVISIONIST GROUPS" LED BY HERBERT
CZAJA HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE CDU CONGRESS IN DUSSELDORF.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE LATEST GERMAN "ATTACK" ON POLAND AT DUSSELDORF REPORTEDLY INCLUDED: (A) DISTRIBUTION OF A MAP OF GERMANY ON WHICH THE POLISH FRONTIER WAS NOT MARKED AS AN INTERNATIONAL BORDER; (B) REFERENCE TO POLAND'S WESTERN TERRITORIES AS "OCCUPIED" OR "ANNEXED" LANDS; (C) SUPPORT OF "OSKUNDE", I.E., SCHOOL COURSES DEVOTED TO STUDY OF THE "LOST TERRITORIES"; (D) A "REVANCHIST" RESOLUTION ON THE "SO-CALLED RIGHTS OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE TO UNITE;" AND (E) A RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN WEST GERMAN TIES WITH WEST BERLIN.

3. TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 10 ALSO REPORTS THAT RALLIES OF WORKERS IN FACTORIES THROUGHOUT POLAND WERE HELD MARCH 9 TO PROTEST "ANTI-POLISH PROVOCATIONS BY THE FORCES OF REVANCHISM AND NEO-FASCISM IN THE FRG." THE ACCOUNT REFERRED TO THE "UNPRECEDENTED IMPUDENCE OF THE WEST GERMAN RIGHT-WING AND THE USE OF GOEBBELS-LIKE BEHAVIOR AND DEFAMATION."

4. TYPICAL OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE RALLIES, AS REPORTED BY TRYBUNA LUDU, WAS THE APPEAL OF THE WORKERS OF THE RESEARCH-PRODUCTION CENTER FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT IN WARSAW FOR "A FAIR EVALUATION OF WORLD WAR II AND RESPECT FOR THE MILLIONS OF VICTIMS OF FASCISM" BY WEST GERMAN SOCIETY. MOREOVER, THE RESOLUTION PROTESTS ALL ATTEMPTS TO FALSIFY THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PAST; ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE THE POLITICAL-TERRITORIAL SITUATION IN EUROPE, AND EFFORTS TO DENIGRATE THE MORAL-POLITICAL MEANING OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. THE RESOLUTION AFFIRMS THE WORKERS' "FULL SUPPORT OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF POLAND, THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE ENTIRE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH, AIMED AT STRENGTHENING PEACE AND NORMALIZING RELATIONS AMONG ALL COUNTRIES."

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5. RYSZARD DRECKI, IN A TRYBUNA LUDU EDITORIAL OF MARCH 10 ENTITLED "THE SOWERS OF HATRED", EMPHASIZES THAT THE CDU RESOLUTIONS ARE "IN CLEAR OPPOSITION TO THE FORMULATIONS OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT." HE SAYS THE POLISH PROTEST IS "A VOICE FOR STRENGTHENING THE STRUCTURE OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION OF THE COUNTRIES ON OUR CONTINENT."

6. ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF MARCH 10 PUBLISHES THE FULL TEXT OF THE GERMAN PRESS AGENCY'S REPORT FROM WARSAW ON THE RALLIES. IT MOCKS THE DPA'S SUGGESTION THAT THE POLISH CAMPAIGN IS "A REACTION TO THE DISCUSSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WEST," AND EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT WEST GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION MIGHT NOT LEARN THE TRUE NATURE OF THE REACTION TO THE "ATTACKS ON THE GOOD NAME OF POLAND". THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDES, "THERE (I.E., IN THE FRG), EVERYONE EVIDENTLY HAS HIS OWN WAY OF UNDERSTANDING OBJECTIVITY, ALONG WITH EVERYTHING THAT SHOULD BE FOUND IN THE SO-CALLED "THIRD BASKET" OF HELSINKI."

7. COMMENT: THESE RALLIES ARE THE FIRST ORGANIZED BY THE GIERK REGIME SINCE LATER JUN 1976, WHEN THE REGIME ATTEMPTED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE WORKERS SUPPORTED IT IN THE AFTERMATH OF WORKER REJECTION OF THE PROPOSED PRICE INCREASES. MOREOVER, THEY COINCIDE WITH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION BY THE BUNDESRAT OF THE BONN-WARSAW TREATY. THE CDU CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS HAVE AFFORDED THE GIEREK REGIME AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AGAIN THE GERMAN BOGEYMAN, BUT WITHOUT CRITICIZING THE SPD-FDP COALITION GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS MADE CLEAR IN A TRYBUNA LUDU REPORT OF MARCH 11, WHICH STATED "THE RESOLUTIONS UNDERLINE THE FACT THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF RIGHT-WING FORCES ARE IN GLARING OPPOSITION TO THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION...UNDERTAKEN BY THE BRANDT-SCHMIDT GOVERNMENTS AND SUPPORTED BY REALISTICALLY THINKING GROUPS IN THE FRG." WEST GERMAN DIPLOMATS IN WARSAW HAVE BEEN SURPRISED BY THE INTENSITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE CURRENT POLISH ATTACK, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS PRESAGED BY THE INCREASING MEDIA CAMPAIGN OF RECENT WEEKS (REF A). WHILE THE GERMAN BOGEYMAN IS USEFUL TO THE POLISH LEADERSHIP IN DEFLECTING POPULAR ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE CONTINUING DIFFICULT DOMESTIC ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE POLES APPARENTLY ARE AIMING PRIMARILY AT BELGRADE AND AT BUILDING A CASE, ALONG WITH THE EAST GERMANS (REF B), THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT ARE NOT BEING RESPECTED IN THE WEST. AMONG THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE POLES AND THE EAST GERMANS ARE PROBABLY IN THE BEST POSITION TO CLAIM THAT "REVANCHIST" WEST GERMAN CIRCLES DO NOT ACCEPT THE TERRITORIAL STATUS QUO. END COMMENT. DAVIES

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